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 Patent No.: 6,626,899  
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 Inventor(s): Russell A. HOUSER et al.  
 Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR TREATING TISSUE

## NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Mail Stop Post Issue Fee  
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Sir:

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The Maintenance Fee was erroneously paid as a small entity in the amount of \$450 on March 30, 2007. The current Maintenance Fee amount for a non-small entity is \$980. The deficiency owed amount for the Maintenance Fee is \$530. Therefore, the total deficiency payment owed is \$530; the required payment is being concurrently submitted.

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HNMDNN00102. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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